



# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

LAKE RIDGE, VA

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#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily: Monday - Saturday: 9:00am  
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Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am,  
12:30pm

First Friday Evening Mass: 7:00pm;  
(7:30pm during Lent)

#### MOTHER SETON FOOD PANTRY

Thursday 12:00pm - 2:00pm

#### CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Monday: 7:00pm - 7:45pm

Friday: 9:30am - 10:00am

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Tues/Thurs All Day Adoration:  
9:30am - 8:30pm

Tuesdays Children's Adoration  
4:00pm - 5:00pm

First Friday All Night Adoration:

### NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to Seton Lake Ridge! Please complete a registration card found in the church narthex or by stopping by the parish office. Please remember to notify us if you move, or of any changes to your contact information.

### RETURNING CATHOLICS:

Everyone is invited to rediscover the gift of our faith and the unique role that each of us has in this family of God. *Welcome home!*

### RCIA:

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith, please contact the parish office.

### BAPTISMS:

Occur most Sunday afternoons. Please contact the parish office to set a date and to register for the required Baptism workshop.

### PASTORAL CARE of the SICK:

Please notify us of parishioners who are hospitalized or homebound. **Holy Communion** and the **Sacraments of Penance** and **Anointing of the Sick** are arranged by the parish office. In a danger-of-death situation, call the parish emergency line, 571-455-0402.

### MATRIMONY:

Congratulations on your engagement! Registered parishioners wishing to be married here, or elsewhere, are asked to contact one of the parish clergy at least six months in advance of their intended wedding date to begin the Pre-Canva preparation process

### HOLY ORDERS & CONSECRATED LIFE:

Seeking information about the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated religious life? If so, please contact one of the parish clergy or the diocesan Office of Vocations, 703-841-2514.

### FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

You can find Parish Funeral Information on our website: [www.setonlakeridge.org/liturgy/funerals/upcoming-funerals](http://www.setonlakeridge.org/liturgy/funerals/upcoming-funerals).

### BLESSINGS:

**Sacramental Blessings:** Every first Saturday of the month after the 9:00am Mass, a priest will bless Sacramentals near the Baptismal Font.

**Car Blessings:** Every Ember Day Saturday after the 9:00am Mass, a priest will bless your vehicles. Please park near Seton Hall for this blessing. *(See Ember Days below)*

**Note:** Previously blessed items are not to be blessed again.

### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

Must be received, by email, **Monday, two weeks** before the Sunday publication date. Send to: [bulletin@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:bulletin@setonlakeridge.org). *Note: Due to space limitations, submissions are not guaranteed a place.*

### EMBER DAYS:

Here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, we celebrate Ember Days as part of Living Liturgically in our parish. Ember Days are celebrated four times a year, following the seasons: Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall. Each season consists of three days of celebration: Reflection, Mass/Adoration/Confession, and Stewardship. More information will always be provided on pg.5 of the bulletin as we near our Ember Days each season.

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## FROM OUR PAROCHIAL VICAR



Okay, are you ready for the fifth part of this reflective version the Our Father? I hope that you are and that this is helping you to pray more deeply than maybe you ever have before! So, add this to the last four columns, and then you and God can talk!!

### REFLECTIVE VERSION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER (Part 5)

PERSON: *"Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us."*  
GOD: WHAT ABOUT CAROL?  
PERSON: See? I knew it! I knew you would bring her up! Why, Lord, she's told lies about me, spread stories. She never paid back the money she owes me. I've sworn to get even with her!  
GOD: BUT – YOUR PRAYER – WHAT ABOUT YOUR PRAYER?  
PERSON: I didn't – mean it.  
GOD: WELL, AT LEAST YOU'RE HONEST. BUT, IT'S QUITE A LOAD CARRYING AROUND ALL THAT BITTERNESS AND RESENTMENT ISN'T IT?  
PERSON: Yes, but I'll feel better as soon as I get even with her. Boy, have I got some plans for her. She'll wish she had never been born.  
GOD: NO, YOU WON'T FEEL ANY BETTER. YOU'LL FEEL WORSE. REVENGE ISN'T SWEET. YOU KNOW HOW UNHAPPY YOU ARE – WELL, I CAN CHANGE THAT.  
PERSON: You can? How?  
GOD: FORGIVE CAROL. THEN, I'LL FORGIVE YOU; AND THE HATE AND SIN WILL BE CAROL'S PROBLEM – NOT YOURS. YOU WILL HAVE SETTLED THE PROBLEM AS FAR AS YOU ARE CONCERNED.  
PERSON: Oh, you know, you're right. You always are. And more than I want revenge, I want to be right with You... (sigh). All right...all right...I forgive her.  
GOD: THERE NOW! WONDERFUL! HOW DO YOU FEEL?  
PERSON: Hmmmm. Well, not bad. Not bad at all! In fact, I feel pretty great! You know, I don't think I'll go to bed uptight tonight. I haven't been getting much rest, you know.  
GOD: YEAH, I KNOW. BUT YOU'RE NOT THROUGH WITH YOUR PRAYER ARE YOU? GO ON.

(To be Continued!)

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### Powerful Yearning

Why does God delay? Why doesn't he make the world a paradise right away? Why doesn't he make our good wishes come true now? The psalmist laments: "Rouse yourself! Why do you sleep, O Lord? Awake...why do you hide your face?" (Ps 44:23-24)

When God delays, it may be because he wants to give you the opportunity to yearn a little more. God wants you yearning to deepen and expand.

If something beautiful and precious suddenly and without warning, falls from heaven, you may become ecstatically happy. But, in that case, you are probably not ready to fully receive it and appreciate its whole content. To be able to receive something truly precious, you need time to prepare.

Your yearning is your preparation. The yearning digs new depths in your ability to receive. A riverbed only a few feet deep holds little water. Your yearning deepens your inner riverbed, mobilizes your energy so that all your strength is concentrated and directed toward the longed for goal.

When a child is to be born, the mother prepares for its arrival with a long, intensive yearning. In the same way, you must prepare for God's arrival in the world, and the more you yearn, the more God can fill the world.



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Vigil  
7:30 a.m. † Chester and Estelle Turkiela  
9:00 a.m. † Joseph Castellano  
10:45 a.m. † Julia Peetz  
12:30 p.m. Maria Li

### Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Emily Taylor

### Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Kathryn A. Howard

### Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Ray Labier

### Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Teresa Amendola  
7:00 p.m. † Cara B. Farr

### Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

6:30 a.m. † James McGarry  
9:00 a.m. † Ludwig and Joan Dudek  
6:00 p.m. † Hoyt McPherson  
7:30 p.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

### Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

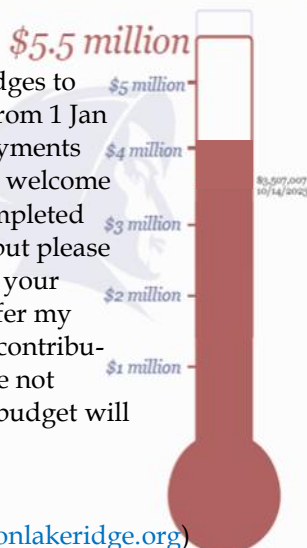
9:00 a.m. † Luis L. Santos  
5:00 p.m. † Diomedes Ducuara Veru  
Vigil

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2021

**Capital Campaign 2021 (CC2021) Extension:** We are off to a great start with almost 200 responses through the first weekend in November and almost \$600,000 pledged, so we are \$1,600,000 short of our goal! The redemption period for pledges to the current CC2021 runs through Dec. 31, 2024.

The redemption period for pledges to the Extended Campaign runs from 1 Jan 2025 – 31 Dec. 2026. Pledge payments on the Extended Campaign are welcome for those who have already completed their current CC2021 pledges, but please note "Extended Campaign" on your contribution. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all who have contributed and encourage all who have not yet responded to do so if your budget will allow it. God bless you all!

Sincerely, Robert Yates,  
Business Manager ([r.yates@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:r.yates@setonlakeridge.org))



## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

### Monday: St. John Damascene (Optional Memorial)

Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11

### Tuesday: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Lk 10:21-24

### Wednesday: St. Nicholas (Optional Memorial)

Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Mt 15:29-37

### Thursday: St. Ambrose (Memorial)

Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

### Friday: Immaculate Conception of BVM (Solemnity)

Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

### Saturday: St. Juan Diego (Optional Memorial)

Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### The sick of our parish family: Thaitan

Vinnyoopongphan, Gerard Zimmerman, Charlotte Cosgriff, Josephine Carlson, Diana Hotop

### The deceased of our parish family: Josefina De La

Paz Gonzales, Juan Leus, Christopher Odeli, Alice Johnston, Kelly Miklas, Margaret Martin, Beverly Rishel, Joe Yoders, Wesley Calayag

## OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Theresa Michelle Courtney

Chloe Lee Cann

Lillian Catherine Cann

## COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2023

Collection (Average Weekly)	\$ 27,282.80
Capital Improvements	\$ 4,232.00
Poor Box	\$ 667.00
Votives	\$ 2,095.03
<b>Special Collections</b>	
Porto Charities	\$ 1,490.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 4,881.00

**Thank you to all those who support our parish!**

## PARISH EVENTS

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, "Ineffabilis Deus," clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception...Even though Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, she is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity in her willingness to accept the Plan of God for her." ([catholicnewsagency.com](http://catholicnewsagency.com))

#### Vigil Mass

Thursday, December 7  
7:00pm

#### Mass

Friday, December 8  
6:30am, 9:00am, 6:00pm, 7:30pm

### FINDING JESUS WITH MARY IN ADVENT: AN ADVENT EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

December 10 | 7:00pm | Main Church | Confessions will also be available and all are encouraged to come!



Aside from being the moment of the "second greatest Miracle" in human history, the **Annunciation** provides one of the clearest glimpses into the deepest Mysteries of Eternity as they converged in the Immaculate Heart of our Mother. All are invited to join us for this Advent Evening of Recollection. We will begin with a praying of the First Joyful Mystery and then will "treasure and ponder" St. Luke's account of the angel Gabriel's visit to the home of a young woman betrothed to a man of the house and lineage of David... *"and the Virgin's name was Mary."* Fr. John Riley of the **Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center** will present the conference (with a "little help" from Pope Benedict XVI). All are welcome to join us and the "cost of admission" will be the decade of the Rosary that we pray together--for Bishop Burbidge and his intentions!

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 17 | 2:00pm

**RSVP is required and closes  
December 10 | 12:00pm**



Hosted by our Knights of Columbus, this celebration is open to all families in our community and will include various crafts, coloring pages, a scavenger hunt, and a special visit from Santa! There is **NO charge** for the event and light refreshments will also be served. **RSVP** at [setonlakeridge.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2020790](http://setonlakeridge.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2020790)

### 2024 ALPHA MARRIAGE (BEGINS JAN. 5, 2024)

Registration for In-Person Parish closes **December 28**.

The Alpha Marriage Course is open to couples of all ages and stages. Whether engaged, or married for a few years or several decades, it provides a valuable opportunity for couples to invest in their relationship and build a strong foundation for the future. Designed to strengthen and enrich marriages, each session consists of video teachings followed by guided discussions and practical exercises. In the coming year, our parish will offer 3 different ways to participate: In-person at the parish (free onsite childcare), in a small group, or on-your-own with an assigned mentor couple. For our in-person at the parish option, **space is LIMITED, so sign-up soon!** **SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE!**



### SIMBANG GABI: MASS AND RECEPTION | "BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW"

December 22 | 6:00pm | Main Church/Seton Hall

Simbang Gabi is a devotional, nine-day series of Masses attended by Filipino Catholics in anticipation of Christmas and our parish will be having our Mass and Reception on the 7th day (December 22). The reception or *salo-salo*, we will also include food, caroling, a special performance and games! **This is FREE and all are welcome & invited to celebrate this tradition!** Please **RSVP** using the QR code below to ensure proper coordination of the reception.



In keeping with our beloved traditions from the years past, *we are again asking for your support and generosity by bringing a Filipino dish to share at the reception!* You may also make a monetary donation that will be used to order various traditional Filipino foods and desserts. This can be done through your registration. For questions and inquiries, please reach out to Mylene Garcia ([m.garcia@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:m.garcia@setonlakeridge.org)).

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (K-12)

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### SMALL GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

For **Group A**, this Sunday marks the 6th week of Family Faith Formation. Small Group Sessions for Group A will meet at 8:45 am for Session 1 and at 10:30 am for Session 2. To prepare for each session, students are asked to complete the assigned homework. *The new liturgical year begins today* (Sunday, December 3, 2023) and a new Liturgical Calendar (wheel) has been posted in each classroom. The Calendar artwork depicts scripture passages showing Christ as the light of the world who seeks us out and loves us. It highlights the special feasts, solemnities and liturgical times in different colors, which correspond to: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time.



### REVERSE ADVENT PROGRAM

Join us this Advent in collecting food items for Catholic Charities! We will be joining in their yearly Reverse Advent Program to give back during this time of reflection and preparation for the coming of our Lord. Please consider donating non-perishable food items throughout this

month, as all the food collected will be used to help our Diocesan food pantries during these winter months, where food need is at peak. Pick up a St. Lucy bag to put your donations in at the Parish Office. Drop-off will be in the Family Faith Formation bin under the stairs leading to Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support and generosity!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS!

Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The contest encourages our youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. Catholic students between 8th and 12th grades were asked to prepare an essay discussing the question How can the Church evangelize in the digital age? Their essays were judged for creativity, imagination, and topic development.

Our contest winners, **Gloria Gallagher**, **Julienne Lim**, and **Kathryn Haddock**, each addressed the question in a unique and insightful way. The contestants' thoughts included explaining how posting Fall Festival photos on social media might attract others to our community, establishing a live chat room to provide real time answers to questions about our faith, and using live streaming to reach those who are unable to attend services in person.

Our winning students clearly put some thought into their essays, and each will receive an award for their efforts. Congratulations to all our winners and many thanks to all the adults who made this contest a success.

### CHILDREN'S EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Tuesdays | 4:00pm – 5:00pm



Anytime the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Church or Chapel, children are welcome to participate in adoration, along with their parents. However, we have a special time each Tuesday from 4-5 pm for children and their parents to spend quality time with Our Lord. All are welcome to join anytime during the hour.

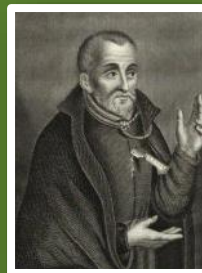
# LITURGICAL LIVING

## December

**DEVOTION:**  
**ADVENT (CHRISTMAS)**

**VIRTUE: PURITY**

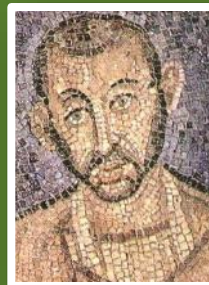
**CELEBRATING THE  
SAINTS**



**December 1**  
**St. Edmond  
Campion**



**December 3**  
**St. Francis  
Xavier**



**December 7**  
**St. Ambrose**



# LITURGICAL LIVING

Celebrating the  
First Sunday in Advent

## ADVENT

"May we be in this world a ray of that light which  
shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and  
peace to the hearts of all men and women."

— Pope Francis



*"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world." – C.S. Lewis*

"It is only fitting that the first candle on the Advent wreath represents **Hope** – the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. The first candle is **purple**, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle," the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus. This Advent, light the first candle on **Sunday, December 3, 2023.**"

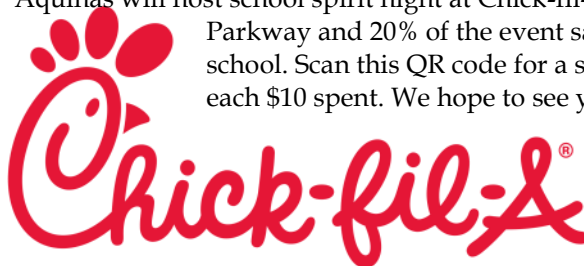
(Hallow.com)

## OUR PARISH SCHOOL

### SUPPORT AQUINAS WHILE ENJOYING CHICK-FIL-A FOR DINNER!

Tues., December 5 | 5:00pm – 8:00pm | Chick-Fil-A on Prince William Pkwy

Aquinas will host school spirit night at Chick-fil-A on Prince William Parkway and 20% of the event sales will be donated to the school. Scan this QR code for a special digital offer card for each \$10 spent. We hope to see you there!



## DISCIPLE FORMATION AND ACCOMPANIMENT

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## SETON SENTINELS MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, December 4 | 7:00pm – 8:00pm | Fellowship Hall

Women of Seton Lake Ridge join us for an evening as we learn how to decorate roses on delicious cookies. No experience needed and all the supplies will be provided at the event. There will be additional decorative supplies if you want to show your creative side. Containers will be provided, if you want to take your creations home.



## SETON SENTINELS DINNER AND MOVIE

Saturday, December 16 | 6:00pm – 8:30pm  
Bayley's Cellar

Seton Lake Ridge Women! Here is another opportunity to get together! Join us for a Dinner and a Movie! We're watching The Christmas Carol! You are invited to join us for a delicious potluck dinner, some suggestions are themed from the Christmas Carol movie!



Please **RSVP** and if you are interested in contributing, select what you would like to bring via sign-up genius: [signupgenius.com/go/70A0545A9AC22A4FB6-46130630-seton](https://signupgenius.com/go/70A0545A9AC22A4FB6-46130630-seton). We will Feast at approximately 6pm, following the Saturday Vigil Mass. The movie will begin at 6:30pm.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

## YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY OF SETON (YAMOS)

### YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP AT THE MANASSAS BULL RUN FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Saturday, December 16 | Time: TBD

Unwind and enjoy the holiday season with our Young Adults Ministry at the Manassas Bull Run Festival of Lights! This drive through features a 2.5 mile winter wonderland and ends with a carnival! If you are interested in joining us for the evening, scan the QR code above to sign-up!



## YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 17 | 6:30pm – 8:30pm | Lower Seton Hall – Youth Center



All current 6th-12th grade teens in public, private, or home school are invited to join us for our 2023 Christmas Party! We will meet in Lower Seton Hall beginning with refreshments and socializing. The evening will include a Gingerbread House competition, Ugly Sweater Contest, and other activities to get us in the Christmas Spirit and prepared to celebrate the coming of baby Jesus!

## HUMAN CONCERNS

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### 2023 CHRISTMAS GIVING TAG TREE PROGRAM

**Ends December 3** | Located in the Narthex

Participate by helping buy gifts for the residents of two Diocesan transitional housing programs: St. Margaret of Cortona (Woodbridge) and Christ House (Alexandria). With an increase in the number of homeless individuals in NoVA, we will also be providing clothing and blankets as gifts to the homeless visitors accessing Christ House.

#### To Participate:

Step 1: Take a tag from one of the Christmas trees in the Narthex and purchase the item(s) indicated on the tag.

Step 2: Gift wrap the item and securely attach the tag, with the information sheet still on it, to the package.

Step 3: Return the gift to Church and place it under one of the Christmas trees no later than, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### PRO-LIFE WITNESS: PRAYER AT THE ALEXANDRIA ABORTION CLINIC

Saturdays | 10AM | Alexandria Women's Health Clinic

The Seton Lake Ridge Respect Life Committee invites you to pray the Rosary and be a witness to the sanctity of life on Saturdays in front of the Alexandria Women's Health Clinic, a gynecological practice that provides abortions. For further inquiries, please email [respectlife@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:respectlife@setonlakeridge.org).

**Location:** 2616 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA. We legally, peacefully, and respectfully gather from 10:00am – 11:00am.

### FOOD FOR THE NEEDY CAMPAIGN



To donate, please use the envelopes found in the Narthex or scan this QR code to donate via PayPal. Envelope donations may be returned to the Food for the Needy box located in the Narthex or the regular Sunday Collection basket. Proceeds will benefit the St. Lucy Project, Birthright, ACTS, and our own Mother Seton Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

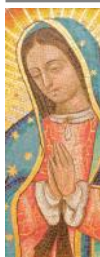
## TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO RETURN GIFTS!

## DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS



### SERVE THOSE IN NEED WITH YOUR GIFT TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The theme for the 2023 Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection is "Behold, I Make All Things New." We can renew our Catholic Faith by sharing it with others in word and deed, through evangelization and spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to this Collection, which allows Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington to serve the poor, protect the vulnerable, and welcome the newcomer. Donate via the special insert in the bulletin at Mass this weekend; or at [ccda.net/Christmas](http://ccda.net/Christmas).



### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

December 4-12

You are invited to join Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, offered for the intentions of couples struggling with infertility, miscarriage or early infant death. The Novena starts on Monday, December 4 and concludes on Tuesday, December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A private Mass will be offered by Bishop Michael Burbidge for this intention during the Novena. Sign up here to receive the Novena and submit your intentions: [ourfruitfullove.com/Novena/](http://ourfruitfullove.com/Novena/)



## ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR DISCERNERS

Saturday and Sunday, December 16- & 17 | Deadline to register is Monday, December 11

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out and enjoy some quiet prayer time this Advent. **Men's Day** of Recollection is Saturday, Dec. 16, with diocesan seminarians and priests. The **Women's Day** of Recollection is Sunday, Dec. 17 with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. These events are for those 18-35 years old interested in deepening their prayer life and exploring their vocation. For more information and to register contact the Office of Vocations, 703-841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023



#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

**Vigil**, Dec. 7 (Thurs.).....7:00pm | *ADORATION ENDS AT 5:45PM*

**Mass**, Dec. 8 (Fri.).....6:30am, 9:00am, 6:00pm, & 7:30pm

*NO 9:30AM CONFESSIONS*

#### FINDING JESUS WITH MARY IN ADVENT: AN ADVENT EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

Sun., December 10 | 7:00pm | Main Church

Join us and Fr. Riley of the San Damiano Retreat Center for an evening to learn and reflect on the "second greatest Miracle" in human history, the Annunciation.

#### SIMBANG GABI (MASS AND RECEPTION)

Fri., December 22 | 6:00pm | Main Church and Upper Seton Hall | FREE

*This Filipino tradition is a devotional, nine-day series of Masses attended by Catholics in anticipation of Christmas. All are invited to join us for Mass and the reception to follow!*

#### BLESSING OF THE VEHICLES

Saturday, December 23 | 9:30am | Outside Seton Hall

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Vigil Masses | Sunday, Dec. 24\***  
4:00pm, 7:00pm

#### \*IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Since December 24th, prior to 4pm, is the 4th Sunday of Advent and after 4pm begins the Solemnity of Christmas, **all are obligated to attend Mass on the 4th Sunday of Advent** (Dec. 23rd | 5pm Vigil; Dec. 24th | 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am or 12:30pm) **AND on Christmas** (Dec. 24th 4pm or 7pm Vigils, Dec. 25th 12 Midnight, 9am 10:45am or 12:30pm)

i.e. two Masses between Dec. 23rd and Dec. 25th, and not one Mass on Dec. 24th.

**Midnight Mass | Monday, Dec. 25**

11:30pm - Chorale Prelude

12:00am - Mass

**Christmas Day Masses | Monday, Dec. 25**

9:00am, 10:45am, 12:30pm

*Note: NO 7:00pm Confessions*

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD**

Vigil, Dec. 31 (Sun.).....7:00pm

Mass, Jan. 1 (Mon.) ..... 9:00am & 12pm

*Note: NO 7:00pm Confessions*

#### HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES:

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Saturday, December 23rd through Monday, January 1st. Our Office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Daily Rosary:** Mon-Sat | 8:25am—8:55am | Main Church

**Daily Mass:** Mon-Sat | 9:00am—9:30am | Main Church

**Sat. Vigil Mass:** 5:00pm | Main Church

**Sun. Masses:** 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am, 12:30pm | Main Church

### Sunday, December 3<sup>RD</sup> - First Sunday in Advent

8:00am—9:00am	Praise and Worship Choir	Music Room
8:45am—10:15am	Family Faith Formation Group A	
8:45am—10:15am	Adult Formation	Fellowship Hall
9:00am—11:30am	RCIA	
10:30am—12:00pm	Family Faith Formation Group A	
10:30am—12:00pm	Adult Formation	Fellowship Hall

### Monday, December 4<sup>TH</sup>

7:00pm—8:00pm	Al-Anon	St. Paul Room
7:00am—9:00am	Seton Sentinels Monthly Meeting	Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, December 5<sup>TH</sup>

9:30am—8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am—10:30am	Blue Army Devotion	Chapel
4:00pm—5:00pm	Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour	Chapel
6:30pm—8:30pm	Reach More	Bayley's Cellar

### Wednesday, December 6<sup>TH</sup> — St. Nicholas (Optional Memorial)

9:30am—11:30am	Divine Mercy Cenacle	St. Mary Room
9:45am—11:30am	Wednesday Bible Study	St. Peter Room
1:30pm—3:30pm	Lumen Christi Drama Club	Upper Seton Hall
6:00pm—8:00pm	St. Margaret of Cortona Christmas Party	Upper Seton Hall
6:30pm—8:30pm	Mother of Joy Prayer Group	Sts. Paul Room
7:00pm—8:30pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	Lower Seton Hall
7:30pm—9:00pm	Finance Meeting	Office Conference

### Thursday, December 7<sup>TH</sup> — St. Ambrose (Memorial)

9:30am—8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am—10:30am	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Chapel
12:00pm—2:00pm	Mother Seton Food Pantry	Fellowship Hall
5:00pm—6:00pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals	Music Room
6:30pm—8:00pm	Trail Life USA Committee Meeting	Upper Seton Hall
7:00pm—8:00pm	Feast Day of The Immaculate Conception of the BVM ( <i>Vigil Mass</i> )	Main Church
7:00pm—8:30pm	Thursday Bible Study	St. Mary Room
7:00pm—9:00pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

### Friday, December 8<sup>TH</sup> — Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of BVM (Solemnity)

6:30am—7:30am	Feast Day Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the BVM	Main Church
9:00am—10:00am	Feast Day Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the BVM	Main Church
9:30am—12:00pm	Moms Group	Nursery
9:30am—12:00pm	Lumen Christi—St. Nicholas Day	Lower Seton Hall
9:45am—11:30am	Friday Morning Faith Sharing	Sts. Peter and Paul Rooms
10:00am—11:30am	Legion of Mary	Trinity 3
3:00pm—3:30pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Chapel
6:00pm—7:00pm	Feast Day Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the BVM	Main Church
7:30pm—8:30pm	Feast Day Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the BVM	Main Church

### Saturday, December 9<sup>TH</sup> — St. Juan Diego (Optional Memorial)

7:00am—9:00am	That Man is You! (TMIY!)	Fellowship Hall
8:25am—8:55am	Daily Rosary	Main Church
9:30am—11:00am	Hope and Healing Workshop	Bayley's Cellar
9:30am—12:30pm	Family Faith Formation Meeting	Fellowship Hall

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